PATENT APPLICATION Serial No. 09/890,669 Attorney Docket 1918-010967

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 3641

In re application of

Nicolaas Cornelius VAN ZYL

FIREARM

Serial No. 09/890,669

Filed August 3, 2001

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania December 12, 2001

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

Commissioner For Patents
Box PCT
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice Of Acceptance received in the above-identified patent application. The Notice indicates that a defect has been noted in the application. The Notice alleges that an additional fee of \$18.00 is required for the application. The above application was filed with 23 claims. The fee for 23 claims would be \$914.00 which is the amount paid by applicant on August 3, 2001 when the application was filed.

It would be appreciated if this fact is verified by the PCT Section of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The original Filing Receipt also indicated there were 24 claims when in fact the application was filed with 23 claims. A request for correction of the Filing Receipt has been sent to the Office of Initial Patent Examination as indicated by the attached copy. A copy of the Notice is also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

08/03/2001

DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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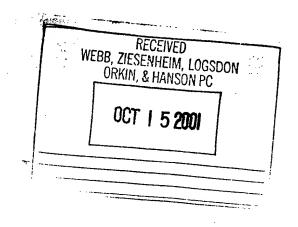
DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL 35 U.S.C. REQUIREMENTS

- A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date
- of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- · Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following defects have been observed:





 Additional claim fees of \$18 as a large entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) for this application is \$18 for a large entity.

- o Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$18
 - □ \$18 for total claims over 20.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Office of Initial Patent Examination Customer Service Center Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above application for which issuance of a corrected filing receipt is respectfully requested.

The Total Claims filed in the application was -23-.

The information regarding the applicant should be corrected to read as follows:

Nicolaas Cornelius Van Zyl, Nigel, SOUTH AFRICA;

A copy of the filing receipt with the requested corrections indicated thereon is attached hereto.

Please issue a corrected filing receipt.

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